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Dusk to Dawn

Curfew in city - 6 pm to 5 am

Only essential services will be open; parcel facility in hotels allowed till 9 pm

Mysuru, July 3 (RK&BCT)- All businesses in Mysuru barring minor exceptions like essential services will close from 6 pm today to 5 am tomorrow. The decision has been taken by the District Administration and District Minister S.T. Somashekar in the wake of spike in COVID-19 tally over the last few days.

This 6 pm to 5 am rule will be followed every day strictly until further notice and the implementation will follow the guidelines issued by the Centre and the State. All Sundays till Aug. 2 will be fully shut.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, city Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that the jurisdictional Police Stations across the city will make public announcements through mikes from Garuda and PCR vehicles from 5.30 pm asking shops to close. Only essential services like fruits, vegetables, groceries, petrol, medical shops, hospitals and milk booths will be allowed to open.

Dine-in facilities in all hotels will have to wind up by 6 pm but hotels can provide parcel services till 9 pm. App-based food aggregators are also allowed to take parcels from the hotels and deliver them to the customers at homes till 9 pm, he said.

To facilitate office employees to return home, the KSRTC city and rural service will operate and they can transport passengers. They can operate services depending on the response from the public, the Commissioner added. Jurisdictional Police Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors have already been directed to ensure strict enforcement, he added.

(See CURFEW on page 7)

SUNDAYS LOCKDOWN
July 5, 12, 19, 26 & Aug. 2

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Today's Positive cases	:	12
A doctor from Mysuru city tests POSITIVE		
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	350
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Persons discharged	:	200
Deaths	:	4

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Friday 3rd July 2020

Role of teachers in the context of COVID-19

By Dr. N.N. Prahallada,
Former Professor in Education, Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru

The role of teachers is highly significant in the present context of COVID-19 because it is the teacher who acts as a Learning Facilitator of the young minds and guides them through online education.

Teachers have been considered the cream of society, the reason being that they help children to become good citizens. Known to be the architects of the nation, they provide the mould in which the nation's character is cast through online education.

Teachers are expected to be competent in their subjects and pace-setters of standards by developing meaningful human relationship through online education portal. They are expected to have an aptitude for teaching and must be capable of understanding several faces of a child.

Teachers can never truly teach unless they continuously learn. In the context of COVID-19, today, a great responsibility rests with teachers with regard to motivating the children and youth of India.

Ethical and moral values, awareness of the significance of our heritage of thought and culture, our spirit of pluralism and oneness, the inculcation of scientific temper, patriotism and a sense of mission in the task of taking our great country forward — all these need to be nurtured in young minds by our teachers through online education.

Improvement in education, whether quantitative or qualitative, can only be secured through the efforts of teachers who are the direct agents in the process of education. We want dynamic teachers, dynamic officers and a dynamic system to stimulate the static and obsolete system especially in COVID-19 context.

The teacher is the real custodian of values which he/she has to transmit to the students. The responsibility of training youths depends on teachers and parents. Teachers have to raise the tone of academic life in the country through online education.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Global healthcare has been tested by the COVID-19 pandemic as never before. The vulnerabilities of the sector have been exposed world over, with the same questions being asked everywhere: How can we control the virus and end this pandemic, and what will be the path to building a robust healthcare system? We have faced several crises earlier too, and through consistent effort, nations have successfully overcome diseases like SARS and MERS. A recent WHO survey of 155 countries, including India, shows disruption in medical services due to the pandemic. About 53% of the countries surveyed have seen disrupted services for hypertension treatment; 49% for treatment for diabetes and related complications; 42% for cancer treatment; and 31% for cardiovascular emergencies. This is not only a wake-up call, but an opportunity to take action urgently, while we still have the chance to course correct. As we battle the most serious pandemic of the century, government and private healthcare have to continue to work together to strengthen healthcare at all levels.

— Preetha Reddy in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

French artist turns urban spaces into graffiti optical illusions

Paris: French artist SCAF, using his imagination and mountains of talent and armed with a simply can of spray paint, is turning abandoned urban spaces into three-dimensional graffiti masterpieces.

Looking at SCAF's expertly spray-painted graffiti artworks, it's hard to believe that he is a completely self-taught street artist. He never studied art and started experimenting with graffiti in abandoned factories 18 years ago. He continues to practice his skill in abandoned places, like factories, houses and manors, because he feels like his art adds value to such derelict edifices.

One of SCAF's trademarks is his interaction with his graffiti illusions. He likes posing for pictures with his creations, and that adds to the wow factor. Whether he is trying to avoid a giant man-eating creature, being disemboweled by a pack of hungry zombies, or relaxing on top of a giant treasure chest, his presence in the artwork makes it that much more impressive.

Bizarre face bra to get rid of double chins

Melbourne: Getting rid of unattractive double chin would be great without dieting, exercising or going under the knife. Yes, now you can. All you have to do is wear a weird-looking 'face bra' for a while and the double chin magically disappears.

Similar to the chin straps used after plastic surgery to keep the tissue tight during recovery, the Face Bra relies on compression to the wearers' faces and help them get rid of drooping facial fat. It works for getting rid of a double chin and the Australian company selling it claims that even a one-time use can help you lose up to one centimeter of fat...

Face Bra website states that by using the Face Bra for 40 minutes 3-4 times a week, one will start noticing chin and face fat reduction with every use.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are the best herbs for blood type O?

Sea vegetables are especially helpful for O blood types. They're rich in mineral content, and they're good for binding lectins, especially wheat and other grains that have a negative effect on the immune system. Good condiments for O: Dulse, carob and curry.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Awarded highest rank in Muaythai

Mysuru, July 3- M.N. Vikram, Founder and Technical Director of Academy of Martial Science in Krishnamurthypuram, was recently awarded the rank of Deputy Grand Master, Khan 16, from Muaythai and Muayboran Sports Association (MTBSA), Thailand.

MTBSA is one of the governing bodies of Muaythai in Thailand recognised by Thai Sports Ministry and Tourism Department. AMS is the very first Academy that introduced and popularised the art of Muaythai, MMA and Jiu Jitsu among Mysureans and has been in action for over two decades now.

Interestingly, Level 16 or Deputy Grand Master in Muaythai is the highest rank that could be accorded by MTBSA world body to a Muaythai Master of a foreign origin.

He is the first Indian and a select few from across the globe to achieve this rank. AMS is one of the top combat academies not only in the State but in the entire country making Mysuru proud.

Grand Master Vikram has over 30 years of experience in Martial Arts and has trained in various other countries like Thailand, United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK) and South Africa, starting his career here in India way back in 90s. He has achieved numerous accolades as an Athlete and coach few of which are listed below.

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1 Euro	= Rs. 84.13

VOICE OF THE READER

Plea to stop public nuisance near Aadhaar Seva Kendra in Saraswathipuram

Sir,

This is to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned about the public nuisance near the new Aadhaar Seva Kendra in Saraswathipuram.

People are coming from various places in and around Mysuru in 5 to 6 TATA Ace vehicles with applicants around 10-15 persons in each such van. There is no maintaining of social or physical distance by the applicants.

Also the visitors to Aadhaar Centre are using the vacant site nearby as public toilet. Hence, on behalf of the residents I request the authorities concerned to look into this and stop this public nuisance by making suitable arrangements with COVID safety measures in place.

—N.D. Shreenivaas
Saraswathipuram
2.7.2020

Mysuru records fourth COVID-19 death

60-year-old woman from T. Narasipur passes away due to severe respiratory complications

Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru recorded fourth COVID-19 death yesterday (July 2) with the passing away of a 60-year-old woman from T. Narasipur. She was suffering from severe breathing problems.

Seventeen persons including a Circle Inspector tested positive yesterday taking the cumulative positive number to 338. Of the 17 positives, 8 are primary contacts, 3 inter-State travellers, 1 inter-district traveller, 2 Policemen and two had Influenza-like Illness. One is a pregnant woman. Nine persons were discharged from the designated hospital yesterday and in all, 200 persons have been discharged so far. The number of active cases at the hospital is 133.

A total of 13,160 persons have been observed till date and 9,869 persons have completed 14-day isolation. 3,003 persons have been isolated in home for 14 days and the number of persons isolated in facility quarantine for 7 days stands at 154. 21,331 samples have been tested so far and 20,993 samples have tested negative.

Due to rising positive cases, more and more containment zones are being declared. As per the latest communication from Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, Dallalkoppal in Hunsur, 6th Cross Chamaraja Mohalla, Thyagaraja Road (Saibaba Temple) at Agrahara, Kaveri Circle, Water Tank Road, Hootagalli, Near Brigade Solitaire Apartments at Lalitha Mahal Nagar and Kethupura in T. Narasipur have been declared as containment zones.

No shortage of PPEs

Meanwhile, on the reports that some of the staff at the State-run K.R. Hospital are functioning without Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to carry out their regular duties including attending to patients, the Dean and Director of the Hospital Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj has clarified that all staff have been supplied PPEs and other protective equipment including masks, gloves and shields.

The number of COVID-19 cases is showing an upward trend every day and there are many patients suffering from Influenza-like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI). Most of them come and report the same at the K.R. Hospital. "As such, our staff needs to be careful and we have taken utmost precautions to equip them with protective measures," he said. The Dean added that there was sufficient stock of equipment and if need arises, more PPEs will be ordered and stocked up to meet requirements.

[See also page 11]

Public entry to Police Stations across Mysuru restricted

Each Station has Help Desk 50 metres away from premises for people to register complaints

Mysuru, July 3 (RK&BCT)- As more and more Policemen are contracting COVID-19 virus in the line of duty, Mysuru Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth has said that people will not be allowed to enter Police Stations across Mysuru and urged the public to contact Police either through phone or through Help Desk established in front of Police Stations.

Each Station has a Help Desk 50 metres away from premises for the public to register complaints. The Help Desk will receive complaints and applications and will arrange meetings with officers only if necessary and depending on the gravity of the complaint or crime. Investigations, will however, be initiated.

The SP said that curbs had become necessary with many Police staff testing positive. "The functioning of Police Stations will be affected if more personnel contract the infection or if the staff is placed under quarantine. So we have restricted the entry but all Police Stations will continue to serve public as usual. Officers will be available on phone and for investigation," he said.

The SP advised the public to avoid visits to Stations unless it was an emergency. They can reach the officers, including the higher officers, Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, on their phones. "If necessary, Police Officers will call the complainants to visit the Stations. Walk-ins and meeting Officers have been prohibited for the time being. Any grievance can be submitted at the Help Desk which will be followed up," the SP added.

Choreographer par excellence Saroj Khan dies at 71

Mumbai, July 3 (Agencies)- National Award-winning choreographer Saroj Khan passed away in Mumbai in the wee hours of today. Saroj's daughter Sukaina Khan confirmed the news. In a career spanning 40 years, she choreographed nearly 2,000 songs. Her most successful collaborations were with actors Sridevi and Madhuri Dixit.

She was fondly known as "Masterji" and was admitted to Mumbai's Guru Nanak Hospital on June 20 after complaining of difficulty in breathing and died of cardiac arrest. She was 71. The three-time National Award winner had choreographed some of the most memorable songs in Hindi cinema. The mandatory COVID-19 test done at the hospital showed a negative result.

Born as Nirmala Nagpal, Saroj Khan began her career by playing the young Shyama on-screen in "Nazarana." She soon became a background dancer under the mentorship of dance director B. Sohanlal. After assisting as a dance choreographer for a few years, her first independent work came in "Geeta Mera Naam" (1974).

Saroj got noticed after she choreographed for Sridevi in "Mr. India's" song "Hawa Hawai" (1987). She worked with Sridevi in films like "Nagina" and "Chandni." This was followed by her long-term partnership with Madhuri Dixit in 1990s in songs like "Ek Do Teen", "Hum Ko Aaj Kal Hai Intezaar", "Dhak Dhak Karne Laga", "Choli Ke Peeche Kya Hai" and "Tamma Tamma."

Saroj Khan

Saroj's other popular films include "Baazigar", "Mohra", "Darr", "Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge", "Taal", "Veer-Zaara", "Pardes", "Soldier", "Don", "Saawariya", "Lagaan", "Tanu Weds Manu Returns", "Manikarnika" among more.

She has won awards for "Devdas", "Jab We Met", "Guru", "Khalnayak", "Chaalbaaz" and others. The choreographer has also judged dance reality shows like "Nach Baliye", "Ustaadon Ka Ustaad", "Boogie Woogie" and "Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa". Her last work was the song "Tabaah Ho Gaye" from "Kalank" (2019) which was filmed on Madhuri Dixit.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Aadhaar Seva Kendra to close at 4.30 pm

In view of the revised curfew timings announced by the District Administration, the Aadhaar Seva Kendras at Saraswathipuram and Vijayanagar will be closing everyday at 4.30 pm till further orders. The Aadhaar Seva Kendras will remain closed on Sundays also and those who have taken appointments after 4.30 pm or on Sundays are requested to reschedule their appointments, according to a press release.

Mandya Courts closed till July 5

The Judicial/Non-Judicial/ Administrative functions of all Courts in Mandya city is suspended for three days from July 1 to 3 due to unavoidable circumstances and as July 4 and 5 are general holidays, the Courts will remain closed, according to a closure notification order isued by Principal District and Sessions Judge S.B. Vastramath.

Appointed as Mandya ADC

V.R. Shylaja, who was serving as Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner (AC), has been appointed as the new Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Mandya while Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Zone-3 Commissioner B.C. Shivanandamurthy has been transferred as Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner by State the Government.

Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram death anniversary

As part of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram's 34th death anniversary, the District Administration will pay tributes by garlanding the statue of Babu Jagjivan Ram near City Railway Station on July 6 at 9.30 am, according to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the President of National Festivals Celebration Committee.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	97.62 ft
Yesterday	97.04 ft
Inflow	2,420 cusecs
Outflow	443 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,262.01 ft
Inflow	2,847 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Police enforce zero tolerance rule to rein in traffic violators

Mysuru, July 3 (SPN, KS& BCT)- If you travel through Mysuru's Central Business District and in other relatively busy areas, there are many roads, intersections and traffic marked with yellow and white lines. These are for motorists to follow traffic rules.

But as motorists continue to care two hoots for the traffic rules and regulations, the city Traffic Police have come up with the idea of enforcing Zero Tolerance Traffic to bring in a sense of discipline. Ignorance and violation of this rule could burn deep holes in your pockets through heavy traffic fines.

The Zero Tolerance Traffic rule has already begun on prominent roads and Circles in Narasimharaja (NR) Traffic Subdivision limits. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) – Traffic S.N. Sandesh Kumar said that since three days the Policemen have been enforcing the rule prominent roads and Circles.

"To begin with, we have started enforcement in Narasimharaja Sub-division and the same will be expanded to all other Traffic Stations," he said.

"The aim is to ensure pedestrian and motorist safety and decongest the city's junctions. Motorists have this habit of parking or stopping their vehicles near junctions, thus blocking the vision of pedestrians crossing the road. If we are able to clear the areas near pedestrian crossings, accidents can be brought down," said M.S. Geetha Prasanna, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic).

The main aim of Zero Tolerance Traffic is to make the public know about various traffic rules and regulations and also make them understand the importance of wearing face masks as COVID-19 pandemic is spreading fast. The campaign to enforce rules in Narasimharaja was conducted by N.R. Traffic Assistant Sub-Inspector and staff at Bamboo Bazaar Circle by creating awareness.

What are Zero Tolerance Traffic Junctions?

The Zero Tolerance Junctions are designated places where traffic violation is dealt with strictly. At these junctions, Police stop violators and issue on-the-spot challans. Under the system, Circles and roads with heavy traffic would be identified and no vehicle would be allowed to stop or park in these Circles and roads. Motorists, who fail to follow the rules, will be penalised.

For example, while riding or driving a vehicle, the driver/ rider will stop immediately on seeing red signal light. When the light turns orange and then green, the motorist is supposed to move the vehicle further. But in case there is traffic jam on the road, the motorist is not supposed to move the vehicle but should remain at the spot even if the signal light turns green.

In case the motorist moves the vehicle and stops on the yellow line, he is liable for penal action. To catch violators Police personnel will be deployed at all Zero Tolerance Junctions, who would impose fines and the footage would be captured on CCTV cameras installed at that particular junction.

Clear confusion on heritage Devaraja Market, Lansdowne Buildings: MLA to District Minister

Mysuru, July 3 (RK&SD)- For the second time, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra has appealed the Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar to clear the confusion and contradictory reports on matters related to the fate of Lansdowne and Devaraja Market Buildings — the nearly 120-year-old heritage structures in the heart of the city.

The MLA had made the first appeal when Somashekar took over as the District Minister from his predecessor V. Somanna earlier this year. Despite two appeals, no decision has been taken on the two heritage structures – either to restore, demolish or rebuild. There are many pro and anti-demolition lobbies who so far have only released statements to the media but on the ground zero, nothing has been done.

"Both of them are in a dilapidated condition and some portions of these structures have already collapsed. There is a lot of confusion regarding the future of these two heritage structures. It is high time that the Government takes a firm decision on this matter," Nagendra said in his latest appeal to the Minister.

At the same time, the MLA urged the Minister to get funds from the Government to demolish the dilapidated Devaraja Market and the Lansdowne Building and rebuild them in a traditional way keeping in mind all the heritage aesthetics.

"There were 54 shops in Lansdowne Building and a portion of the structure collapsed and lives have been lost. The building now stands desolate and it is like a black mark on the city's heritage character. It is unfit for repairs and all the vendors have been moved to make-shift structures lined up by the side of the building," he said.

On Devaraja Market, the MLA said even this structure is dilapidated and a portion had collapsed. "The issue is long-pending one and has been in the news for years. When Siddharamaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy were running the Government, they had personally taken interest and visited the Devaraja Market and the Lansdowne Buildings. But nothing moved," he said.

Drawing the Minister's attention on the pro-and anti-demolition of both the structures, Nagendra said that the issue has been dragging on for too long despite many attempts. "There has to be some conclusion as some of the vendors of Devaraja Market are opposing demolition while some are for it. I urge you to visit the structures and take a suitable decision without any more delay," the MLA urged.

Nagendra also appealed to the Minister to undertake restoration and repair works of K.R. Hospital building which is also in dilapidated condition as thousands of patients visit the hospital every day.

On the drinking water project in Mysuru, the MLA informed the Minister that Jamshedpur Utilities and Services Company (JUSCO), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Steel, had bagged a six-year performance-based water management contract for Mysuru. But JUSCO abandoned the project midway causing losses to Mysuru City Corporation and also at the same time stalling the project due to abandonment. A thorough inquiry must be initiated on JUSCO's lapses, Nagendra told the Minister.

CGK award for theatre artistes

Senior theatre artistes K.R. Sumathi and Prasad Kundur, who were conferred with 'CGK Award' at Natana Rangashale in city recently, are seen with senior Writer Prof. Aravinda Malagatti, theatre artiste Mandya Ramesh, former Rangayana Director Janardhan and others.

Mysuru, July 3 (MK&SD)- On the occasion of 'CGK Beedhi Ranga Dina,' senior theatre artistes K.R. Sumathi and Prasad Kundur were conferred with 'CGK Award' by senior Writer Prof. Aravinda Malagatti at a programme organised by Nele Hinnele in association with Karnataka Ranga Parishad and Karnataka Beedhi Nataka Academy at Natana Rangashale premises in Ramakrishnanagar recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Malagatti lauded the contributions of CGK. "Theatre students should read CGK's autobiography. CGK was one of the best directors in theatre field. He also had special interest about Sharana literature," he said.

"This Corona pandemic is neither a curse nor a boon. Many have started writing poems and posting it on social networking sites. In earlier times at villages, people used to pray 'Agaaga Baravaagi Baa Shivane' to teach a lesson to arrogant rich persons. Now, Corona is haunting everyone as a poison and wish this does not recur," he said.

Lauding the district administration's efforts to set up Digital Library, he said, "Now, it is said that the money earmarked for purchasing of books in Public Libraries is being spent on Digital Library. In that case, it would badly affect the printing. Hence, the Government should provide separate grants for Digital Library."

Theatre artistes Mandya Ramesh, former Rangayana Director Janardhan, K.R. Gopalkrishna of Nele Hinnele, Devanand Varaprasad, Disha, Sameera and others were present.

Financial loss: Man commits suicide at city lodge

Ramesh

Mysuru, July 3 (RK&KS)- Unable to overcome his financial loss, a 52-year-old man committed suicide by hanging self in the room of a lodge in Lakshmipuram Police limits on Wednesday night.

The deceased is Ramesh, a resident of Kuvempunagar in city. According to Lakshmipuram Inspector Venkatesh, Ramesh, who was running a finance and real estate business is said to have suffered huge financial loss and unable to recover his loss he fell into deep financial crisis leading him taking the extreme step.

The Inspector further said that Ramesh had checked into a lodge near City Courts Complex on Tuesday and had met his friends on Wednesday.

The suicide came to light on Thursday morning and a death note was found in his pocket, the Inspector said and added that Ramesh has mentioned a few names in the death note besides stating that as those persons did not return his money on time he (Ramesh) had fallen into deep financial crisis.

Lakshmipuram Police, who have registered a case of Unnatural Death, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted today and the body was handed over to the deceased's family members.

Gold ornaments stolen from house

Mysuru, July 3 (YDS&KS)- Burglars, who gained entry into a house at Alanahalli by removing the tiles of the roof, have made away with gold ornaments weighing 150 grams from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of Daalappa, who, along with his family members had gone to his relative's house about 20 days ago.

The burglary came to light when they returned on Wednesday and entered the house.

The burglars had removed the tiles of the roof before entering the house and decamped with 150 grams gold ornaments kept in the almirah. Alanahalli Police, have registered a case.

RK Ashram distributes grocery kits

District Minister S.T. Somashekar distributing grocery kits to the needy as Swami Mukthidanandaji and others look on. .

Mysuru, July 3- Ever since the lockdown was imposed, Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Mysuru, has been distributing grocery kits to needy labourers and slum-dwellers, who had difficulty earning an income during the lockdown period.

Monks of the Ashram, together with devotees and other volunteers, have distributed Corona protection kits prepared by them since April first week to over 2,100 persons including Pourakarmikas, Police personnel, staff involved in water supply and medical staff across the city.

President of the Ashram, Swami Mukthidanandaji, has been feeding over 200 to 300 persons everyday and distributing grocery kits to poor people.

So far, 5,362 kg wheat flour, 2,681 kg sugar, 2,681 kg rava, 2681 kg toor dal, 400 kg roasted gram, 150 kg maida, 2,681 litres cooking oil, 2,681 kg salt, 670 kg tea powder, 2,442 kg fruits and vegetables, soaps, 225 kg jaggery, 510 kg rice, over 1,667 masks, 1,000 biscuit packets and other essentials have been distributed by the Ashram at Kumbarakoppal, Medar Block, Devaraja Mohalla, Manjunathapura, Dattagalli, Agrahara, Dhobi Ghat, Vidyaranyapuram, Gommatagiri, Tenkanamole of Chamarajanagar, Biligiriranga Hills and Helavaranche village in Hunsur taluk.

Abused by relative: Brothers commit suicide

Mysuru, July 3 (YDS&KS)- Depressed over being abused by a relative, two brothers committed suicide at Siddalingapura yesterday.

The deceased brothers are Dharanesh (47) and Ganesh (40). According to N.R. Police, the brothers were abused by one of their relative over a land issue following which Ganesh committed suicide by consuming poison at a vacant plot near Hale Kesare. Dharanesh, who came to know about his brother's death, committed suicide by hanging self to a tree at Siddalingapura.

N.R. Police and Metagalli Police, who have registered cases, are investigating.

30th anniversary of Swaralaya Music School tomorrow

Mysuru, July 3- The 30th anniversary of city's Swaralaya Music School will be held at the music school premises at DVC Layout, near Amma Complex in Ramakrishnanagar at 10 am tomorrow (July 4). Vidu. B.V. Vasanthalakshmi will inaugurate the programme. For details, call Mob: 99869-61772/98800-04929.

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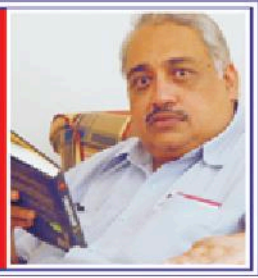
Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



The New Normal: Cultivating a COVID Lifestyle

I'm sure that I'll not be wrong if I say that nothing has shaken the present generations of mankind as much as the current **COVID-19** crisis has done. There has simply been no natural calamity or man-made catastrophe that can match its fear-mongering capacity and this only seems to be the beginning of what we are yet to see in the days to come.

We may have had many wars, famines, earthquakes, floods, migrations and even the great Spanish Flu in the last century that may have taken a very heavy toll from mankind but the great uncertainty of what we may have to see in the coming days is what makes this present pandemic the most unnerving. **In a way we are all, without any exception, literally looking at the face of death standing at our doorsteps. Which threshold it will cross and which one it'll mercifully turn away from, is something no one can foretell!**

No one, however high or mighty can claim immunity from it except perhaps the few who have picked up the infection and have survived after recovering from it. Here too there's no guarantee of a lasting or complete immunity as scientists themselves are not very sure whether the COVID infection confers it as in the case of a few other viral diseases like Chicken Pox, Measles, Mumps, Diphtheria and the once dreaded but now completely conquered Small Pox. This phenomenon is not proved yet in the case of COVID-19. And, an effective vaccine that gives complete protection, which is called **'sterilising immunity'** in medical parlance, like the many vaccines that we have for some diseases, is not even visible on the distant horizon even if it is on its way.

I say this because though we have been reading reports that international pharma giants like **Pfizer, BioN Tech** and our own **Serum Institute of India** are already conducting clinical trials of vaccines, the pace of their mass production may not be able to match the momentum of the march of the virus for some more time. An effective cure too is not available yet and every one of the very expensive drugs that doctors are using today to fight their battle against the COVID virus are not specific to it, being just some pretty old anti-viral drugs that have shown a good track record in managing other viral infections in the recent past.

So with no vaccine and no cure on hand, what is the solution to the problem we are facing? Yes, man has been a master of quick solutions over the centuries and so we should certainly be having one by this time. Yes, we have a solution and mind you, we have just one and that is good old PREVENTION! When someone coined the adage: **'Prevention is better than Cure'** he or she did it just for times like these.

Nothing prevents the COVID infection like preventing it in the first place from catching you off guard. In this endeavour we all need to now develop and cultivate what I call a **COVID Lifestyle** and make it our **New Normal.** We most certainly have to completely change the way we go about our daily lives and make some very great and seemingly impossible sacrifices if we have to remain unscathed by this pestilence. Let us leave aside the mask, social distance, soap and sanitiser drill. I think it has been drilled sufficiently well into every one of us over the past four months.

Now, even if we happen to be pretty old dogs, we have to learn a few new tricks for survival, apart from the now fairly well understood protocol of flashing our best smiles within our masks, washing our hands even when they are not dirty and then just waving our fully sanitised hands instead of shaking them, hailing and helloing people instead of hugging them, steering clear of friends we meet on the street instead of rushing towards them and just calling up our friends and relatives on their phones instead of calling on them!

Our simple socialising too for our own pleasure, has to now take on a new avatar through just video calling and conferencing like the way we are now conducting most of our business activities. Thankfully, the internet and our now ubiquitous laptops and smart phones have prepared us adequately for this way of life, well in advance.

Our wining and our dining have to be done at home through online home deliveries instead of at our favourite restaurants and coffee shops. Yes, though they may have opened their doors wide for us, it is certainly much safer and sensible to eat in the sterile atmosphere of our own homes. You never can know which stranger is going to sniff, cough or sneeze across the next table at a supposedly safe distance. **And, mind you, coughs and sneezes can travel great and unbelievable distances, especially if they are loaded with germs!**

Sitting on a restaurant chair is a lot more hazardous than sitting at your own dining table or in your own favourite armchair at home. I say this because if you happen to rest your arms on an improperly sanitised surface and then scratch a mosquito bite on them, you have effectively transferred the virus to your fingers. And, then from your fingers to your nose, mouth or eyes, the three main portals of entry, it's no great distance for the virus to cover. The maximum that you can safely do today to maximise your pleasure of outdoor activities is to go on a picnic with a very small group of your close friends and avoid getting too close to them there!

The same logic holds good to our good old but dying tradition of visiting friends and relatives, which until very recently we all agreed we should revive at the earliest, to get back to the good old days of closeness, love and affection. The lesser the people you visit and vice versa, the safer you are today and in the next few months or even years to come. The great boon of mass air-conditioning that made us all so happy, comfortable and proud over a full hundred years perhaps contributed the most to the spread of the COVID virus across the world. People picked it up from their plush, air-conditioned work places and then travelled to distant places, again sitting closeted in air-conditioned aircraft, unmindful of the fact that they were being the ambassadors of death.

The acres and acres of closed, claustrophobic, depression inducing, windowless work places that we created just to create an illusion of our prosperity, even in our most salubrious cities across the world, where we never needed mass air-conditioning, are now preventing us from working there. Had they been designed like the good old office blocks of the yesteryears they would have been humming with healthy activity today.

While talking of this I would also like to point out here that our children too deserve to study in safe schools and colleges with large windows that let in plenty of fresh air and sunlight instead of in the chicken coops that our many present day city schools and colleges have become with air-conditioned classrooms and no playgrounds lined by trees. What is learning if they cannot enjoy the chirping of the birds, the whistling of the breeze, the fresh smell of the earth, the pitter-patter of rain drops and the roar of thunder?

Let us all understand that we can do very well without the often needless visiting we used to do to the malls, bazaars and shops. When we cannot gather in large groups for anything why should we shop for clothes in a hurry or go to beauty parlours and salons to groom ourselves at great risk when being well-groomed and tidy at home is enough to keep ourselves safe and healthy?

Incidentally, when you come to think of it, a bad haircut, however bad, is never a disaster because it never lasts long! Less than four short months into the COVID problem, many of us are already complaining that the compulsion to isolate ourselves from others and spend a considerable amount of time in solitude is taking a heavy toll on our frayed nerves. Why should we grumble when it is clear that there is simply no other alternative? On the contrary we should feel thankful that this is a unique and rare opportunity for us all to spend some moments in rest, reflection, planning, recollection and even revisiting our past. My own family spent all the lockdown days together in the comfort and cosiness of our home, completely at peace, engaged in our favourite hobbies and pastimes, comforted by the thought that we were safest where we were and doing what we were doing!

The only source of worry that was bothering us was the reports of so many people who were falling prey to the virus when they too could have been safe like us. When you come to think of it, nostalgia has a unique charm of its own. All of us, even the ones who think that we have had the most ordinary lives, have some very extraordinary happy memories hidden in the nooks and crannies of our seemingly humdrum lives. **And when we take the time off to sift them through our fingers and gather them in our palms we will find that they are glittering gems worth cherishing and treasuring!**

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Morale booster: PM Modi flies to Ladakh, meets soldiers

Ladakh/New Delhi, July 3 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an unannounced visit to a forward post in Ladakh this morning and interacted with troops days after the June 15 border clash with China in which 20 soldiers were killed in the line of duty.

The Prime Minister's visit served as a morale booster for the forces and a powerful message to China, which has shown unrelenting aggression at the border with incursions spotted in satellite images. Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and Army Chief M.M. Naravane accompanied the PM as he toured the region and met with soldiers.

PM Modi sat in a camouflage tent as he spoke to the troops seated at a distance from each other against the backdrop of the Himalayas. According to the Prime Minister's Office, he was at a forward location in Nimu. He reached there early in the morning by chopper from Leh and will return later today.

"Interacting with our brave armed forces personnel at Nimu," the PM posted, sharing a photo on his Instagram account. The PM picked a place where a large number of soldiers could assemble safely. Located at 11,000 feet, the region is among the world's toughest terrains, surrounded by the Zanskar range and located on the banks of the river Indus.

Personnel of the Army, Air Force and ITBP were present for the interaction. PM Modi also visited a hospital where several soldiers wounded in the clash are recovering. After weeks of simmering tension at the Line of Actual Control or the de-facto border with China, 20 soldiers including a Colonel were killed in action in the June 15 brawl with Chinese troops at the Galwan river valley. Army sources say the Chinese suffered 45 casualties.

Nagalakshmi Alankara to deity marks second Ashada Friday at Ch. Hill Temple

Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&DM) - The second *Ashada* Friday celebration at Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill saw the deity being decorated with *'Nagalakshmi Alankara'* for the second time, marking the special day of the *Ashada* month.

Due to COVID-19 lockdown regulations and as a crowd control measure to stop the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the district administration had banned entry of devotes to the temple. Also, all roads to the hill temple were blocked by the Police. The steps to the temple from the foothill too was sealed.

The rituals began with the performance of *Mahanyasapoorvaka Abhisheka* as early at 4.30 am in the presence of the temple Chief Priest Dr. N. Shashisekhar Dikshit. After the conclusion of all the customary rituals with the performance of *Aarati*, the deity was taken in a procession inside the temple premises at about 7.30 am, following which the temple was shut at 8 am.

The second *Ashada* Friday was celebrated at all Chamundeshwari temples across the city as well. Although the devotees were allowed with certain restrictions and a limit on their number, there was strict compliance of lockdown regulations, including maintenance of physical distancing, thermal screening, mandatory wearing of face mask and use of hand sanitisers. However, the temples were not allowed to distribute 'Teertha' and 'Prasada'.

Entry to devotees BANNED

The third *Ashada* Friday will fall on July.10 and the Fourth and final one on July.17.

Dusk to Dawn Curfew

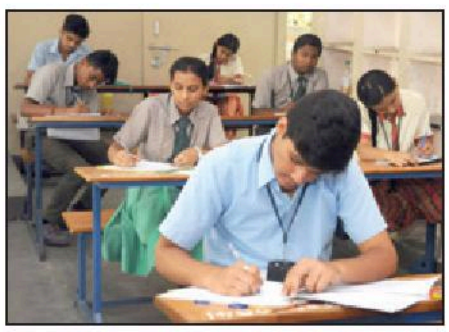
(Continued from page 1)

"There are complaints that a few standalone liquor shops are supplying liquor bottles to customers by switching off the shop lights. From today, they have to be closed by 6 pm and action will be initiated if they do not comply," Chandragupta said.

People who loiter unnecessarily will be penalised and if the violation continues, vehicles will be seized as it was done during the first phase of lockdown, he added.

Meanwhile, KSRTC Rural Divisional Controller R. Ashok Kumar said that every Sundays starting June 5, the KSRTC will not operate any service. "Sundays we will not operate a single bus as per the State Government's directive and all the buses will be stationed at the depots," he said.

SSLC exams end



Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&DM)- SSLC exams (2019-20), which had caused concern among the students, their parents and the teachers alike, amidst the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19, formally ended today with the Third Language paper (Hindi / Kannada / English / Arabic / Persian / Urdu / Sanskrit / Konkani / Tulu) held smoothly at all centres across the city and district without any concerns and anxious moments.

The exam which was initially scheduled to take place from Mar.27, was deferred after the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the subsequent nationwide lockdown. The Government after much deliberations, ended the uncertainty over the conduct of the exam by announcing a fresh schedule from June 25 to July 4. However, for all academic purposes, the exams formally ended today (July 3), as only practical and oral exams are scheduled to take place tomorrow (July 4) for JTS (Junior Technical School) candidates, which will not take place in the district.

The exam was held in a total of 139 centres in Mysuru district, including 48 in city. Over 38,000 students appeared for the exam. Now that the exams are over, the students have heaved a sigh of relief. They are now anxiously awaiting the results, which are likely to be announced in the first week of next month.

Girl student writes exam amid grief

In a heart-moving incident, a girl student from Beerihundi village in the taluk appeared for her last SSLC exam paper at a centre in Roopanagar, despite the loss of her mother who passed away last night. The girl, who was in deep shock and sorrow over her mother's death reportedly due to cancer last night, was reluctant to write the exam. But Shivanna, a former Gram Panchayat member of the village successfully persuaded her to appear for the exam and also made travel arrangements for her, it is learnt.

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Overflowing manhole causing problems near Shakthidhama

Sewage water is overflowing from a clogged manhole opposite Shakthidhama near JSS College on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road causing a lot of problems to the public who are forced to cover their nose to avoid the stench emanating from the sewage water. Public alleged that underground drainage system was laid recently and due to unscientific works the manhole get clogged and sewage water overflows from the manhole on the road turning the road slushy. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the manhole repaired at the earliest.

Plea to remove plants grown inside drain at Gandhinagar

Overgrown weeds and bushes inside a big drain at Gandhinagar in Ward 14 are hindering the smooth flow of sewage water in the drain. Waste items such as plastics, clothes and other such items are getting tangled to the plants resulting in sewage water not flowing smoothly and getting stagnant at some places. This is emanating foul smell and there is also increase in mosquitoes in the locality. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the big drain cleaned at the earliest.

Remove garbage dumped at Gokulam 3rd Stage

Garbage and waste dumped on Vidyavardhaka Engineering College Road in Gokulam 3rd Stage is not cleared since many days resulting in stray dogs scattering the garbage on the road. Also, foul smell is emanating from the garbage piles and the rains are only worsening the existing problems faced by the public. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared immediately and also take steps to get the garbage cleared regularly.

N.R. Subbarao Park at Nivedithanagar turns ugly

Dasara Flower Show competition winner now an eyesore; Residents complain of tax-payers' money going waste

Mysuru, July 3 (MK&KS)- A park in urban places are green spaces set aside for human enjoyment and recreation. They have benches for people to sit and enjoy nature during their morning and evening walks and play equipment for the children.

But, N.R. Subbarao Park at Nivedithanagar in MCC Ward No. 45, considered as one of the best parks in city, which used to be the favourite park for the people of Sharadadevinagar, Janata Nagar, Bogadi, Bogadi 2nd Stage, Kuvempunagar and Ramakrishnanagar, has now turned ugly due to lack of maintenance.

This park had won the first place in the Dasara Flower Show competition. N.R. Subbarao Park is spread around seven acres land and consists of play equipment for children, gym equipment, musical fountain and walking paths, which have now been destroyed, said the residents to *SOM*.

They alleged that though CCTV cameras have been installed at the park, there is no recording facility and it is very difficult to know who had entered the park. They also said that a few days ago, three bicycles and one mobile phone were stolen from the park premises and with no CCTV recordings, the Police are also finding it difficult to trace and nab the culprits.

Defunct Radio and Clock: Manchegowda, a resident, who frequents the park, said that a radio along with speakers was set up in the park for the morning and evening walkers to listen to the news and soothing music. But neither the radio nor the speakers are working since about 10 months, he added. Continuing, he said that lakhs of rupees were spent to install bulbs and speakers at the park, but all the speakers are broken now and the wire connecting the bulbs have become bare without insulation which may result in fatalities if anyone touches the wires.

He further said that the play and gym equipment at the park are getting rusted due to lack of maintenance and added that there is no one to take care of the problems. There are hundreds of women and senior citizens, who bring their children to play in the park, while many use the gym equipment for their daily exercise, he said and demanded the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities to inspect the park.

Another resident Basavaraju said that there is an attractive clock installed in the middle of the park which has become defunct since many years. Many morning and evening walkers even tried to put batteries to the clock but in vain as the clock did not function due to technical reasons and regretted that the park which had bagged the first place for cleanliness and beauty has been destroyed due to sheer negligence by the MCC.

Musical Fountain getting destroyed: Prof. Kantharaju, a resident, said that a musical fountain was constructed a few years back but still awaiting its inauguration and alleged that about Rs. 65 lakh has been spent for the musical fountain which is now getting destroyed as it is not being used.

Pointing out that Rs. 50 lakh was spent of the musical fountain and Rs. 15 lakh to lay lawns and install benches, Prof. Kantharaju said that almost all the benches have been broken and the floor tiles have come of besides stating that even the lawns have been laid unscientifically.

He further said that grass has grown on the lawn which may attract reptiles and insects and added that even the board stating about the works taken up, cost of the works and other information has not been installed which is rising doubts.

Meanwhile, Corporator Nirmala Harish said that the development works of the park was stopped following lockdown and added that the construction of the musical fountain is completed and would be inaugurated soon. She further said that the CCTV was installed with the help of a donor and there is no recording facility since the beginning and added that she would try her best to install the recording facility for the CCTV camera installed at the park. Stating that the taxpayers' money has gone for a waste, the residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to maintain the park and complete all incomplete works taken up at the park.

Skies clear for Mysuru girl to become State's second woman fighter pilot

Punya Nanjappa (left) with her co-trainees.

Mysuru, July 3 (BCT)- Everyone has some or the other ambition or dream to achieve when they are in college but very few of them live their dreams or choose the career they wished. Mysuru-based Coluvanda Punya Nanjappa has achieved her childhood dream or call it passion to be a fighter jet pilot.

She has been selected for the training and once she completes it, she will be a fighter pilot, a rare distinction for a woman who has her roots in Kodagu, a land of defence personnel. Though the district has achieved the fame of producing a Field Marshal, a General and innumerable Lieutenant Generals, Brigadiers and Majors in the Indian Army and their equal ranks in the Navy and the Air Force, it is for the first time a woman fighter pilot is emerging from the tiny district.

In fact, she will be the only second woman from Karnataka to be a fighter jet pilot after Meghana Shanbough from Chikkamagalur and is the lone woman in her ongoing training course where there are 40 future fighter pilots.

Last year, Punya became the only women cadet from Karnataka to be selected for

Coluvanda Punya Nanjappa

the flying branch training at the Indian Air Force Academy. The training for cadets who are selected for the flying branch is divided into three stages. Punya has already completed the Stage-1 of her training at the Academy in Dundigal in Telangana and has been selected to join the fighter stream where she will undergo Stage-II training at Hakimpet, again in Telangana.

The training stages are vivid and is a combination of adventure, skill and deft manoeuvring. They will be trained to engage in air-to-air combat, air-to-ground combat and sometimes electronic warfare while in the cockpit of a fighter aircraft. Fighter pilots undergo specialised training in aerial warfare and dogfighting (close range aerial combat).

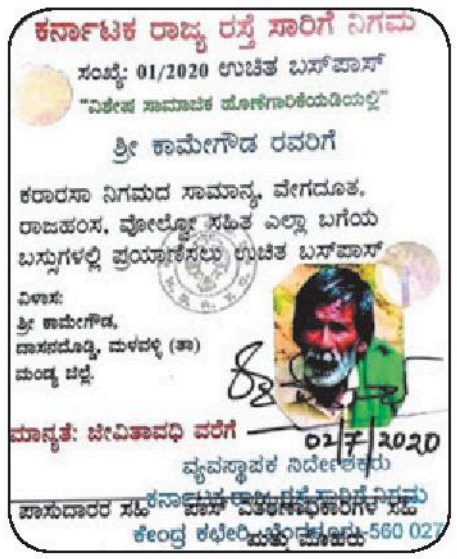
After Stage-II, Punya will be commissioned as an officer to undergo Stage-III training. She is likely to be commissioned as an officer in the next passing out parade in December. Punya has always wanted to join the fighter pilot stream and her childhood dream has been realised. A resident of Vijayanagar in city, Punya was selected as a Trainee Pilot of IAF Flying Branch last year.

She is the daughter of Anuradha Nanjappa (a teacher at St. Joseph's Central School) and late Coluvanda P. Bala Nanjappa (he was serving as the Manager of Prabha Theatre), native of Chambebellur in Virajpet taluk of Kodagu district.

Punya completed her schooling at St. Joseph's Central School in Vijayanagar, pursued her PUC at Vijaya Vittala PU College in Saraswathipuram and Engineering at NIE, Mysuru. Punya then took up Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT) — an officer recruitment gateway in three branches of Air Force — Flying Branch (Short Service Commission only), Technical branch (Permanent and Short Service Commission) and Ground Duty Branch (Permanent and Short Service Commission).

Punya with her batch-mates at the Training Academy in Telangana.

Water Warrior Kamegowda honoured with Lifetime KSRTC bus pass



Mysuru, July 3 (KMS &SD)- Octogenarian shepherd Kamegowda from Dasanadoddi village in Malavalli taluk, Mandya district, who has dug 16 ponds in his native village over the past few decades, received a free bus pass for lifetime from Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC).

KSRTC Managing Director Shivayogi C. Kalasad, in a statement, said, "Free bus pass has been given to shepherd Kamegowda in recognition of his service to conserve water. This will help him travel in all types of KSRTC buses. We really appreciate his determination and water conservation efforts."

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has also shared this information on his Twitter account along with the photograph of the bus pass.

Recently, Prime Minister Modi had narrated Kamegowda's story to highlight how the shepherd solved the problem of water scarcity in his village while emphasising on water conservation in his radio talk, *Mann Ki Baat* and even referred to him as *'Water Warrior'*.

City sand sculptor arrested on charges of idol theft

M. Gowri

Mysuru/Nanjangud, July 3 (RS&BCT)- Biligere Police in Nanjangud taluk near Mysuru have arrested famous city-based sand artist M. Gowri on charges of idol theft. The complaint was filed by Tahsildar on Wednesday and she was later released on bail.

Gowri was arrested on charges of theft under the provisions of The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act for allegedly taking away an idol of Veerabhadreshwara — a property of Muzrai Department — from Biligere village near Nanjangud.

According to Biligere Police, Gowri, who runs a sand museum on Chamundi Hill Road, had visited the village on June 30 and allegedly took away the ancient three-feet tall idol from a place of worship located at a field in front of Someshwara Temple in Hariharapura, near Biligere. Following this, villagers informed the Tahsildar about the missing idol.

The Tahsildar later filed a Police complaint and the Police team, led by Sub-Inspector Akash, visited Jal Bagh on KRS Road, on the outskirts of the city and seized the rare antique sculpture.

A case has been filed against Gowri under Section 378 of IPC, for theft. During inquiry, she stated that she had brought the idol to hand it over to the Archaeology Department as it was lying neglected in the field, the Police said. The Police identified the movement of a car in the village and zeroed in on Gowri.

Local residents said that there is an ancient Someshwara Temple near the hillock between Hariharapura and Iggali. When Cholas were ruling these parts, Ganiga community members — oil extractors — were residing there and the idols and other sculptures belonged to them. Many such ancient art works could be found there, they added.

Misunderstanding?

Gowri, along with her sister M.N. Neelambika has set up a sand sculpture museum and has a collection of over 100 artworks. Meanwhile, Gowri met Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and has submitted a letter stating that she had found the ancient sculpture and wanted to hand it over to the Government as per the guidelines of the Treasure Trove Act, 1878. Due to some misunderstanding the Police have filed a case against her, she stated.

WORD OF THE DAY

Rectitudinous

Pronunciation: rek-tuh-TOO-duh-nus.

Meaning: Characterised by the quality of being honest and morally correct; piously self-righteous.

Origin: Rectitudinous comes to us straight from Late Latin rectitudin-, rectitudo (English added the -ous ending), which itself ultimately derives from the Latin word rectus, meaning both "straight" and "right." (Other rectus descendants in English include rectitude, of course, and rectilinear, rectangle, and rectify.) In one of its earliest known print appearances, in the year 1897, it was used in the phrase "notoriously and unctuously rectitudinous." Although rectitude often expresses an admirable moral integrity, rectitudinous has always had a less flattering side. It can suggest not only moral uprightness but also a displeasing holier-than-thou attitude.

Example: The senatorial candidate's supporters insist that he is possessed of a rectitudinous character and a spotless record.

THE ODD WORD

Ramellose

Having small branches.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Rag, tag and bobtail

Meaning: A common rabble - the hoi polloi.

Origin: UK folk of a certain age will remember Rag, Tag and Bobtail as characters from the eponymous BBC children's television programme. On the face of it we could be forgiven for thinking that the names were made up for the show, but, like Andy Pandy - which was clearly influenced by the name namby-pamby, Rag, Tag and Bobtail derives from an earlier phrase.

A bobtail was the tail a horse which was cut short. Shakespeare makes reference to the word in King Lear, 1605. Soon after that it was used by John Fletcher, in Monsieur Thomas, 1619, as slang for a cur or contemptible rascal. A tag was a piece of torn, hanging-down cloth. Those were combined with rag to form the earlier version of the phrase - tag, rag and bobtail. This was recorded by Samuel Pepys in his Diary for 6th March 1659: "The dining-room... was full of tag, rag, and bobtail, dancing, singing, and drinking."

QUOTE BOX

Love, all alike, no season knows, nor clime, nor hours, days, months, which are the rags of time. **—John Donne**

RIDDLE THIS

A man who was outside in the rain without an umbrella or hat didn't get a single hair on his head wet. Why?

Answer: He was bald.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Little devil
4 Blacktop a road
8 Bovine meat
12 A monetary unit of Romania?
13 Mountain goat
14 Russian river
15 Paraffin oil
17 Part of speech
18 Woman's garment
19 Middle-East country, capital Baghdad
21 Male child
23 Absent without leave
27 Teletype setter, in short
30 Cut
32 News sources
33 At the drop of _ __ (1,3)
35 At this time
37 Say or inform
38 Boat to paddle
40 Latin trio
42 Born?
43 Abduct for a ransom
45 ___ true : false?
47 Major canal
49 Went for it
53 Capital of East Timor
56 1024 gigabytes
58 Wicked
59 Be adjacent to
60 Bronze coins of Norway, 100 of them make a krone ?
61 Observes narrowly
62 Leash for a hawk
63 Ex-British P.M. Heath

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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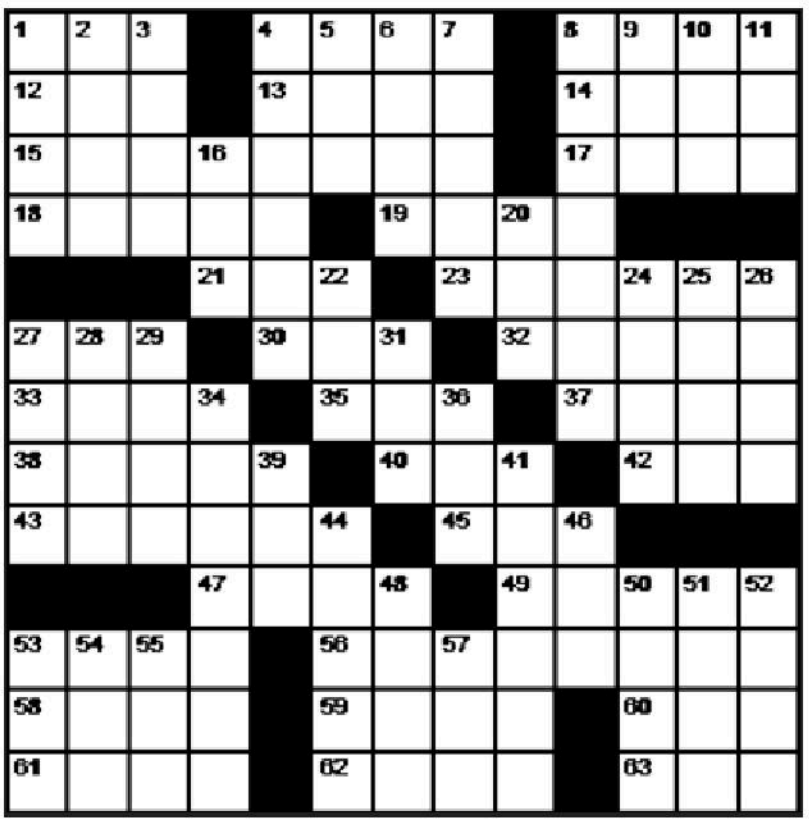
DOWN

1 Kinds, types or sorts
2 Proverbial inheritors of the Earth
3 Bollywood's Madan ___ or Amrish ___
4 A small hand-gun
5 Model of honesty
6 ___ , Vidi, vici : I came, I saw, I conquered?
7 Use energy
8 Repast, feast
9 Grandmaster's rating
10 Australian bird
11 Ardent devotee
16 Eye; sphere or globe
20 Prepare for war
22 Over there, poetically contracted?
24 Former Arab capital
25 Egyptian river
26 It can be read or told
27 Small nail
28 Bangkok man
29 Fine powder of crushed rock?
31 Luau dish
34 Lymphatic tissue masses in the oral pharynx
36 Don't lose
39 ___ de vie, brandy
41 Medicinal salt of a halogen
44 Part of flower
46 Label, bill or price
48 Kenyan ox
50 Indian peasant
51 "To be" in Paris?
52 Feat or accomplishment
53 Scottish river
54 Creeper
55 Falsehood
57 Race, sprint



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PIKDJAKDP BD'VD PI YIOYDVODS LGIRJ ZAWAOZ IRV

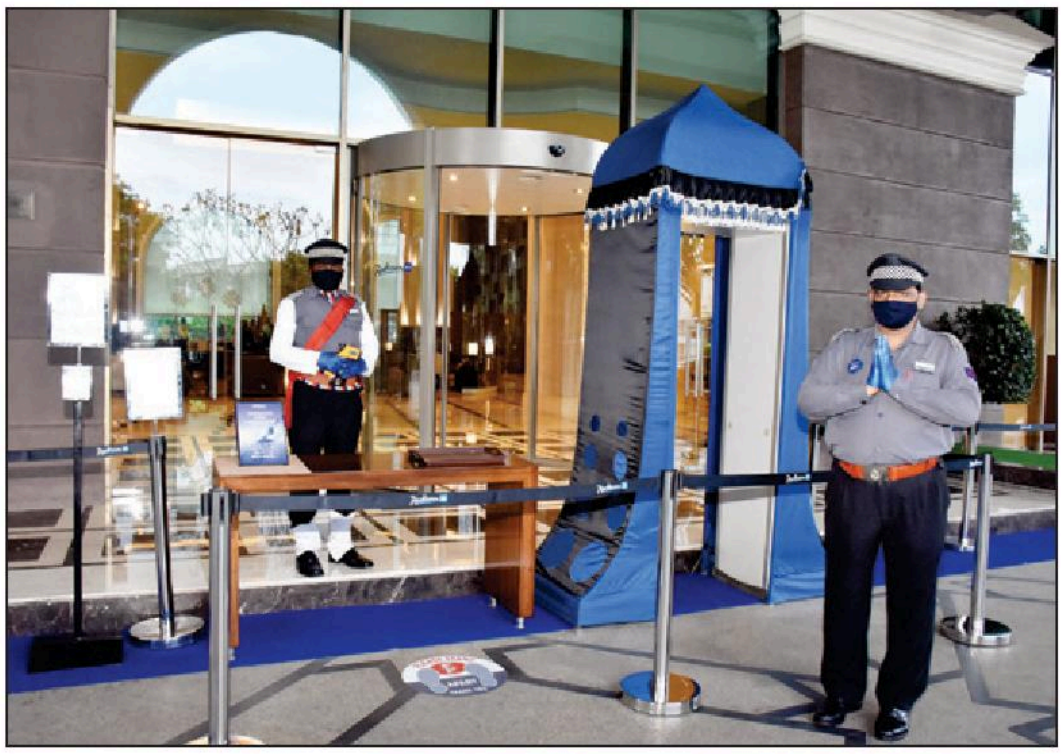
YCAMSVDO BCLJ BD ODWDV CLS ZVIBAOZ RU, BD ODZMDYJ

JI ZAWD JCDK BCLJ BD SAS CLWD ZVIBAOZ RU.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The person who makes a success of living is the one who see his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That is dedication.

20-Step Safety Protocol
at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel



Mysuru, July 3 - As unusual circumstances call for unusual measures, city's Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel has put in place stringent safety steps to keep its guests and staff safe from the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Re-opened after the lockdown was lifted, the hotel's 20-Step Safety Protocol ensures safety across all touch points of the hotel. A Pandemic Emergency Response Team, headed by the General Manager, oversees the strict implementation of protocols.

All staff members have been trained on prevention and hygiene and each department has been equipped with its own set of industry standard equipment including thermal scanners, hand sanitisers, masks, face shields, hand gloves, full body suits and chemicals for cleaning.

All employees are made to compulsorily go through symptom checks prior to reporting for duty. Moreover, air circulation process has been increased inside the hotel. All touch points are periodically sanitised, including elevators and common areas. The hotel sanitises each room on guest check out and keeps it sealed for 48 hours prior to next guest entry.

Guest, staff and vendors entering the hotel must go through the routine temperature checks and hand sanitisation and those with body temperature beyond 37.3 degree Celsius are not allowed entry. Guest luggage too gets sanitised and valet parking has given way to self-parking.

Check-in process has been made contactless and the entire transaction has been digitally enabled. An express check-out process has been made available for guests to minimise contact. Room keys are disinfected and presented safely upon check-in. Guests are provided with complimentary vials of sanitisers, along with other room amenities, during their stay. In fact, from disinfected TV remote controls kept in individually sealed protective bags to bed linen washed at high temperatures for optimal disinfection, the hotel has gone into minute details to ensure total hygiene of the rooms.

Spring All Day Dining, the lobby-level restaurant at the hotel, has additional hygiene and safety measures. Tables are safely spaced apart and printed menu has been done away with. Contactless dining, with QR Code enabled digital menu, bill sent to guest mobile phone and online payment, is the new norm.

"Safety of our guests and staff are of paramount importance to us. We have adopted these strict hygiene measures to ensure that our guests continue to enjoy all that we are known for," said S. Vijay Selvaraj, Director of Sales & Marketing at the Hotel.

Eight cops killed
in Kanpur as criminals ambush Police team

Kanpur, July 3 (Agencies)- Eight Police personnel were gunned down in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur in a fierce gun-battle between the Police and criminals who ambushed the group of personnel late last night. Apart from the eight dead, seven other Policemen have been injured in the encounter.

The Kanpur Police team had gone to raid history-sheeter Vikas Dubey with around 60 criminal cases in his name. As the group of Police personnel raided the Bikaru village in search of Vikas Dubey, the team was ambushed.

The Police team was about to reach the hideout of the dreaded criminal when a hail of bullets was showered on them from a building rooftop, leaving Deputy SP Devendra Mishra, three Sub-Inspectors and four Constables dead. The notorious criminal might have got an inkling of the impending raid.

SSP Kanpur said, "They had gone to arrest him following a complaint of attempt to murder. The Police team was ambushed. JCB earthmoving machines were put up on the road which obstructed the Police vehicles during the operation. This forced the Police team to get down from their vehicles, when the criminals opened fire. There was retaliatory firing from the Police, but the criminals were on a rooftop, which led to deaths of eight Cops," he added.

Investigators are now surveying mobile phone signals from 500 phones in the area to track the criminals. Border areas of Kanpur division have been sealed and all border checkpoints have heightened security. CCTV footage from the border check-posts are being looked at to track the criminals.

DGP H.C. Awasthi said, "The Kanpur Special Task Force is already at work. A large-scale operation is being carried out. This is in continuation with the operation for which the team had gone there in the first place." Operation is still underway as criminals managed to escape, taking advantage of the dark. IG, ADG, ADG (Law & Order) have been sent there to supervise operation. Forensic team from Kanpur was at the spot; an expert team from Lucknow is also being sent, he added.

Mysuru reports 12 COVID-19 positive cases; total 350

Mysuru, July 3 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru reported 12 COVID-19 positives this morning. With this, the cumulative number of positive cases in Mysuru has gone up to 350. The total active cases in Mysuru is 146 and 200 people have been discharged so far.

Today's numbers of positives and other details have to be confirmed by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar in his daily media update today evening. Fresh cases have been reported from Jakkahalli village where a 35-year-old woman has tested positive.

A doctor from Mysuru city limits too has contracted the disease and today's list includes a 6-year-old girl. Among the 12 who tested positive, five are females.

Other cases have been reported from Anandanagar, Vijayanagar First Stage, N.S. Road (Kumangangiri), Kumbarakoppal and Raghavendra Nagar. Two positive cases have been reported from Jalapuri Police Quarters, one case each from Rajivnagar, Mellahalli and Tipu Circle.

Obituary

M.N. Shama Sundar

Mysuru, July 3 - M.N. Shama Sundar (76), son of late Novelist Vani and a long time resident of Chamarajapuram here, passed away on June 29 in Bengaluru. He had also served as Assistant Manager at various branches of Syndicate Bank in city.

He leaves behind two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed on June 30 in Bengaluru, according to family sources.

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